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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: NEW GUATEMALAN LAW DISCUSSED IN CONGRESS

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1. ON APRIL 22 THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF GUATEMALAN CONGRESS
BEGAN HEARINGS CONCERNING LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE
GUATEMALAN MARITIME TRANSPORT. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, LEADERS
OF THE THREE GUATEMALAN MARITIME COMPANIES HAVE SUGGESTED TO
THE CONGRESSMEN THE DESIRABILITY OF CREATING A SIX PERCENT
SURCHARGE ON FREIGHT CHARGES FOR IMPORTED GOODS. THE SIX
PERCENT COLLECTIONS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BY GIVING SEVENTY
PERCENT TO THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL CARRIERS TO INCREASE SERVICES,
TO ACQUIRE SHIPS, AND FOR EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES.
THE REMAING THIRTY PERCENT WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO SUBSIDIZE
STATE COMPANIES, PRINCIPALLY FLOMERCA.

2. FOUR PROJECTS OF LAW ARE BEFORE THE CONGRESS. IT WAS THE
OPINION OF ONE OF THE CONGRESSMENT PRESENT AT THE HEARINGS THAT
WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS THE FOUR LAWS WOULD BE UNIFIED IN ORDER
THAT THEY BE PRESENTED AS A SINGLE DOCUMENT.
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